

**NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS ACT**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 459, to authorize funds for and extend certain programs of the Native American Programs Act of 1974, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

**SAN CARLOS APACHE WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee held oversight hearings on the implementation of the San Carlos Apache Water Rights Settlement Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-575), receiving testimony from David J. Hayes, Counselor to the Secretary, Department of the Interior; Mayor David A. Franquero, Globe, Arizona; Mayor Van Talley, Safford, Arizona; and J. Steven Whisler and Timothy R. Snider, both of Phelps Dodge Mining Company, and John F. Sullivan, Salt River Project, all of Phoenix, Arizona.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

**MEDICARE/MEDICAID REFORM: CHRONIC HEALTH CARE**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded hearings to examine how to improve the administration of health care services to elderly Americans with chronic conditions who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, after receiving testimony from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Systems Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Karin von Behren, Orange, California, on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association; Richard G. Bennett, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore; Lucy Nonnenkamp, Kaiser Permanente Health Plan, Portland, Oregon; Jeanne Lally, Fairview Hospital and Healthcare Services, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Chronic Care Consortium; Bruce Bullen, Massachusetts Division of Medical Assistance, Boston, on behalf of the American Public Welfare Association; Pamela J. Parker, Minnesota Senior Health Options/Minnesota Department of Human Services, St. Paul; Barbara Markham Smith, George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, D.C.; and Sue Paul, Augusta, Maine.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 1468-1486; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 74, H. Con. Res. 68, and H. Res. 135, were introduced. **Pages H1987-88**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

Supplemental Report on H.R. 2, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs (H. Rept. 105-76 Part II);

H.R. 1342, to make technical amendments relating to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, amended (H. Rept. 105-80);

H. Res. 133, providing for consideration of H.R. 2, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs (H. Rept. 105-81);

H. Res. 134, providing for consideration of H.R. 867, to promote the adoption of children in foster care (H. Rept. 105-82); and

H.R. 1469, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 105-83). **Page H1987**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Bliley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1911**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H1915**

**Suspensions:** The House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Welfare Reform Technical Corrections:** H.R. 1048, amended, to make technical amendments relating to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996;

**Pages H1917-35, H1952**

**Conservation Reserve Program Enrollment:** H.R. 1342, amended, to provide for a one-year enrollment in the conservation reserve of land covered by expiring conservation reserve program contracts (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 325 yeas to 92 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 92); **Pages H1935-38**

**Congressional Gold Medal to Frank Sinatra:** H.R. 279, to award a congressional gold medal to Francis Albert Sinatra; Pages H1938–41

**Donation of Surplus Property to Nonprofit Organizations:** H.R. 680, amended, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 93). Agreed to amend the title; and Pages H1941–43, H1953

**Electric and Magnetic Fields Research:** H.R. 363, amended, to amend section 2118 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to extend the Electric and Magnetic Fields Research and Public Information Dissemination Program (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 387 yeas to 35 nays, Roll No. 94). Page H1943–46, H1953–54

**Congressional Gold Medal to Frank Sinatra:** The House passed S. 305, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Francis Albert “Frank” Sinatra in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions through his entertainment career and humanitarian activities—clearing the measure for the President. Subsequently, H.R. 279, a similar bill passed earlier by the House was laid on the table. Page H1940

**FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act:** By a yeas-and-nays vote of 414 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 95, the House passed H.R. 1271, to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration’s research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 through 2000. Pages H1946–52, H1954–55

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as amended. Page H1951

Agreed to:

The Morella amendment that specifies that the FAA grant agreements made from the Research, Engineering, and Development Account are subject to the provisions relating to competitive, merit-based award processes. Page H1950

The Jackson-Lee amendment that identifies undergraduate Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions as institutions eligible for the FAA Research Grants Program Involving Undergraduate Students. Pages H1950–51

On Thursday, April 24, the House agreed to H. Res. 125 the rule that provided for consideration of the bill. Pages H1803–04

**Recess:** the House recessed at 4:08 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m. Page H1952

**Late Report:** The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight Tuesday, April 29, 1997, to file a privileged report on a bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. Page H1952

**Supplemental Report:** The Committee on Banking and Financial Services received permission to file a Supplemental Report on H.R. 2, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs. Page H1955

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1989–H2007.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1952, H1953, H1953–54, and H1954–55. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on the Reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank. Testimony was heard from Rita Rodriguez, Acting Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank; Meg Lundsager, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Trade and Investment Policy, Department of the Treasury; Benjamin F. Nelson, Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 1270, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Senators Bryan, Reid and Grams; Representatives Ensign, Gibbons and Gutknecht; Lake Barrett, Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy; the following officials of the NRC; Shirley Ann Jackson, Chairman; and Ed McGaffigan, Commissioner; Jared L. Cohon, Chairman, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board; Warren D. Arthur, IV, Commissioner, Public Service Commission, State of South Carolina; Don L. Keskey, Assistant Attorney General in Charge, Public Service Division, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.